

85. And blessed is He to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them and with whom is knowledge of the Hour and to whom you will be returned.
86. And those they invoke besides Him do not possess [power of] intercession; but only those who testify to the truth [can benefit], and they know.<sup>1351</sup>
87. And if you asked them<sup>1352</sup> who created them, they would surely say, "Allāh." So how are they deluded?
88. And [Allāh acknowledges] his saying,<sup>1353</sup> "O my Lord, indeed these are a people who do not believe."
89. So turn aside from them and say, "Peace."<sup>1354</sup> But they are going to know.

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<sup>1351</sup>That intercession is granted exclusively by permission of Allāh to those He wills.

<sup>1352</sup>Those who associate others with Allāh.

<sup>1353</sup>i.e., the complaint of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) about his people.

<sup>1354</sup>Meaning safety or security, i.e., "I will not harm you." This was before permission was granted for armed struggle.

## *Sūrah ad-Dukhān*<sup>1355</sup>

### *Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem*

1. Ḥā, Meem.<sup>1356</sup>
2. By the clear Book,
3. Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night.<sup>1357</sup> Indeed, We were to warn [mankind].
4. Therein [i.e., on that night] is made distinct<sup>1358</sup> every precise matter –
5. [Every] matter [proceeding] from Us. Indeed, We were to send [a messenger]
6. As mercy from your Lord. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Knowing,
7. Lord of the heavens and the earth and that between them, if you would be certain.
8. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death. [He is] your Lord and the Lord of your first forefathers.
9. But they are in doubt, amusing themselves.
10. Then watch for the Day when the sky will bring a visible smoke
11. Covering the people; this is a painful torment.
12. [They will say], "Our Lord, remove from us the torment; indeed, we are believers."
13. How will there be for them a reminder [at that time]? And there had come to them a clear Messenger.
14. Then they turned away from him and said, "[He was] taught [and is] a madman."

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<sup>1355</sup> *Ad-Dukhān*: Smoke.

<sup>1356</sup> See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>1357</sup> The Night of Decree (*Qadr*). See *sūrah* 97.

<sup>1358</sup> Or "is separated" or "apportioned," from what is inscribed in the Preserved Slate. The angels record and descend with whatever Allāh has decreed for the coming year.